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Dear Sir:

In further compliance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants submit the attached form entitled "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION," identifying additional publications for consideration by the examiner. A copy of each of the identified foreign publications is enclosed.

**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

Each foreign item identified in this Third Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Third Information Disclosure Statement.

The foreign publications identified on the attached form were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in connection with the corresponding Japanese application. A

copy of the German-language translation of a Japanese Office Action dated 08/28/2008 discussing the enclosed publications is also enclosed.

The U.S. '568 patent is believed to be an English-language counterpart of the JP '832 publication because they each claim the same priority application.

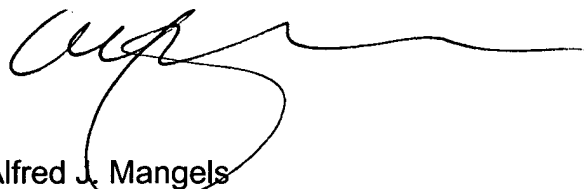
The U.S. '331 patent is believed to be an English-language counterpart of the JP '315 publication because they each claim the same priority application.

The U.S. '554 patent is believed to be an English-language counterpart of the JP '643 publication because they each claim the same priority application.

The U.S. '625 patent is believed to be an English-language counterpart of the WO '551 publication because they are each based upon the same PCT application.

Favorable action on this application is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any question he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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